

Issues/Programs List

April 1 – June 30, 2011

Note: KWBJ News airs Monday-Friday at 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm

1.) Governmental Concerns/Community Concerns

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 4, 2011

Results of district Cleanest City contest judging are announced. Morgan City and Patterson each lost in their respective categories. (:30)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Notification of road closure in Baldwin for railroad crossing repairs. Alternate route information is given. (:25)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Coverage of monthly Patterson City Council meeting. Council began studying possible ordinances regulating loud music and "saggy" pants, and passed an ordinance outlining special regulation for the ownership of pit bull dogs. It was also announced that Patterson Fire Department will join the parish 9-1-1 system for dispatching services. (2:30)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 7, 2011

Coverage of regular St. Mary Parish Council meeting. The council heard arguments on a dispute between the governing board for Fire Protection District 11 (Four Corners), and the area's volunteer fire department. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 8, 2011

Coverage of grand opening of new Berwick Fire Department sub-station on River Road. Facility is named for long time Berwick fireman Hilton Ribardi, Sr. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 8, 2011

Story promoting multi-day paddling event to be held next weekend in conjunction the Franklin Black Bear and Birding Festival. Contact information is given. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Coverage of monthly Morgan City Port Commission meeting. Commission approved engineering and design agreement for a new small craft boat launch at the port. (:30)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Coverage of monthly Berwick City Council meeting. Council approved permits for SMI Companies to expand services to include recycling and salvaging. Police Chief reported on new safety measures installed in public areas of department offices. (2:30)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 13, 2011

State legislature approves new congressional map required by the loss of a congressional district in the 2010 census. New map re-aligns local District 3 to the west. (:50)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 15, 2011
Story on acceptance of new state government districting maps by the governor, and its effect on local districts. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 15, 2011
Story announcing early voting hours for the April 30th election. Early voting runs April 16-23. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Holiday schedule for garbage collection is announced. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Coverage of monthly Franklin City Council meeting. Council heard a report on the "boil water" period which occurred for Franklin water customers earlier in the month. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Story on current functions of B.P.'s Gulf Coast Claims Facility in Bayou Vista. Today is the one-year anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon explosion. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 21, 2011
Coverage of monthly St. Mary Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Guest speaker was Vincent St. Blanc, chairman of the Louisiana Community and Technical College Board of Supervisors. (2:00)

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 25, 2011
Story outlining proposed legislation for the upcoming state legislative session that will have direct impact on St. Mary Parish if passed. (1:40)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Coverage of damage to Cypremort Point area caused by overnight thunderstorms. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Update on delays to remove a sunken barge that is blocking the Charenton Canal. The one-year anniversary of the barge sinking is later this week. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Coverage of community march held in Franklin to honor Kaylen Henry, who was murdered last week. (1:50)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 27, 2011
Coverage of monthly Morgan City Council meeting. Council began discussing possibility of city being threatened by rising water in the Atchafalaya River. Also introduced two proposed ordinances affecting property tax millages. (3:20)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 27, 2011
Coverage of quarterly St. Mary Parish Council of Governments meeting. Representative of Parish Sales and Use Tax Dept. reported surprising 20% increase in collections for the first quarter. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 28, 2011
Coverage of regular St. Mary Parish Council meeting. Council members continue to disagree on the disposition of Fire Dist. 11. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 28, 2011
Story promoting lecture to be given by a noted Civil War author at the Young-Sanders Center for Study of the War Between the States. The lecture is this Saturday. (:30)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 29, 2011
St. Mary Parish Government declares a state of emergency in response to rising water situation in the Atchafalaya River. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 29, 2011
Story reminding voters of tomorrow's election. Two tax issues affecting individual taxing districts of the parish are on the ballot. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 2, 2011
Coverage of monthly St. Mary Industrial Group luncheon. Parish President Paul Naquin gave an update on new businesses coming into the parish in the past 5 years. (:55)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 5, 2011
Announcement of special meetings to be held by St. Mary Parish Levee District and St. Martin Parish officials to discuss high water issues. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 5, 2011
Coast Guard announces special emergency restrictions on navigation of Berwick Bay. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 5, 2011
Morgan City Mayor Tim Matte orders closure of first two gates in the front street seawall. Matte also discusses other city preparations for high water. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 6, 2011
Locations for public distribution of sandbags for flood protection in Morgan City and Amelia are announced. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 9, 2011
Morgan City Mayor Tim Matte discusses plans being formulated to bolster the levees which protect city from backwater flooding. (1:45)

<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Tuesday, May 10, 2011</u>
Coverage of public meeting held in Stephenville to inform residents of flood fighting and prevention plans. (1:20)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Tuesday, May 10, 2011</u>
Comments from Parish President Paul Naquin on the vulnerability of Berwick, Bayou Vista and Patterson area to flooding. (:50)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Thursday, May 12, 2011</u>
Coverage of Governor Bobby Jindal's visit to Morgan City to see progress on work to bolster backwater levee protection. (2:00)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Thursday, May 12, 2011</u>
Coverage of regular St. Mary Parish Council meeting. Parish President Paul Naquin offered advisories on high water situation. (2:00)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Thursday, May 12, 2011</u>
Coverage of monthly Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Guest speaker was marketing director of Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, who spoke against ending federal subsidies for oil producers. (1:30)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Friday, May 13, 2011</u>
Coverage of informational meeting held last night by City of Morgan City, Corps of Engineers and Levee District on status of flood-fighting preparations. (2:20)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Friday, May 13, 2011</u>
Corps of Engineers releases a statement saying it "may" open Morganza floodway to redirect Mississippi River water into spillway. However, statement indicates the percentage of opening will be half of what was at first planned. (:45)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Monday, May 16, 2011</u>
Updates on variety of flood-related issues. Most prevalent, Corps of Engineers announces it will not have to open as much of the Morganza Spillway as was originally anticipated. (2:40)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Monday, May 16, 2011</u>
Coverage of informational meeting on potential flooding held in Pierre Part over the weekend. (1:10)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Monday, May 16, 2011</u>
Updates on progress of flood protection work in Amelia. The National Guard and workers from neighboring parishes have begun helping in Amelia. (1:00)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Tuesday, May 17, 2011</u>
Coverage of informational meetings on potential flooding held in Berwick and Bayou L'Ourse. (2:15)		

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Coverage of Governor Jindal's visit to Stephenville to see progress on flood protection work. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Story on the location of the Corps of Engineers mobile command center to the area, and how it will be used in the fight to prevent flooding. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Announcement of road closures later in the week to accommodate repair work on the BNSF railroad. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, May 18, 2011
Update on flood preparations in the Franklin area. (1:20)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, May 18, 2011
Informational package on the placement and function of HESCO baskets, specialized boxes designed for military uses that are being used to increase height of levees. (1:35)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, May 18, 2011
Story announcing that water being seen in some streets is not from the river, but is the result of the water plant conducting backwash of lines. (:50)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 19, 2011
Flood preparation updates. Levee officials say they are already seeing some positive effects from the Bayou Chene diversion project. Story is aired about a family living on the river side of the seawall and how they are coping. (2:00)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 19, 2011
Story on "aqua dam" device loaned to Stephenville Elementary School for flood protection by its developer, an Abbeville businessman. (:55)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 20, 2011
Coverage of St. Mary Levee District meeting. Directors went over "check list" of preparations for possible flooding. Parish President told directors that an arrest was recently made for trespassing on a levee. (1:25)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 23, 2011
Flood preparation update. The Atchafalaya River at Morgan City surpassed 9 feet over the weekend. The projected crest date has been moved back to May 30th. The National Guard and Corps of Engineers continues to inspect levees twice daily. (1:10)

<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Tuesday, May 24, 2011</u>
Story examining cracks that have begun appearing in seawall. Officials say the walls are structurally sound. (1:20)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Tuesday, May 24, 2011</u>
Story on how the rising water at the seawall has begun to attract sight-seers. (1:15)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Wednesday, May 25, 2011</u>
City officials say they will have to take \$142,000 in flood protection expenses from the general fund. Possibilities for receiving re-imbursement from FEMA will be explored. (:45)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Thursday, May 26, 2011</u>
Coverage of regular St. Mary Parish Council meeting. Council heard from West End residents who complained about smell from the septic system. The neighborhood is outside the normal sewer lines. (1:40)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Monday, May 30, 2011</u>
Background story on the history of Memorial Day. (:45)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Wednesday, June 1, 2011</u>
Story on Congressman Jeff Landry's decision to decline an invitation to the White House to discuss raising the national debt limit. (:55)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Monday, June 6, 2011</u>
Coverage of monthly SMIG luncheon. Guest speaker was St. Mary Levee District Director Alan Kelly, who gave a timeline update of the high water situation. (1:00)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Wednesday, June 8, 2011</u>
Coverage of monthly Patterson City Council meeting. Council is asking residents to voluntarily begin conserving water. (:45)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Wednesday, June 8, 2011</u>
Story on Federal Highway Administration nationwide survey of bridges. St. Mary Parish is slightly better than the national average for the percentage of its bridges that are considered deficient. (1:35)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Thursday, June 9, 2011</u>
Authorities have begun dismantling temporary flood protection structures, now that the threat of flooding has passed. City announces that structures that enhance protection of Lakeside and Auburn subdivisions will be left in place through hurricane season. (:50)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Thursday, June 9, 2011</u>
Parish officials announce that federal bankruptcy court is now handling the case of the sunken barge in the Charenton Canal. (1:00)		

Newsday 39 - Friday, June 10, 2011
Coverage of monthly St. Mary Parish Levee District meeting. Board discussed hurricane protection procedures. (1:40)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 13, 2011
Parish President Paul Naquin discusses plans for celebrating the parish's 200th anniversary later this year. (1:45)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 13, 2011
Town of Berwick announces road closure schedule for next week for bridge repair. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 14, 2011
City of Morgan City announces that several gates in the Atchafalaya River Seawall have been re-opened. Access to the dry areas beyond the seawall remains limited due to debris in the roads. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 15, 2011
Coverage of monthly Berwick City Council meeting. After taking public comments, the council voted to delay action on the city's regulations for the keeping of animals and fowl in city limits. (2:05)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 15, 2011
Coverage of monthly Morgan City Port Commission meeting. Commission learned that federal money for security grants is now available. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Coverage of memorial celebration for "Geronimo" Pratt, Morgan City native and civil rights activist, who died earlier this month in Africa. (1:20)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 22, 2011
Coverage of Franklin City Council meeting. Council began measures to remove blighted and unsafe properties in the city limits. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 22, 2011
Story promoting La. Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries new on-line boating safety course. Boating safety education is mandatory for boat owners in Louisiana. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 23, 2011
Coverage of Morgan City Finance Committee meeting. Committee recommends that the city re-instate a 2 percent salary increase for city employees. City identified more than 400,000 dollars in unused funds to cover increase. Committee also approved utility department request to study expansion of city's clear water capacity. (2:05)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 23, 2011
Coverage of regular St. Mary Parish Council meeting. Council discussed failure of state legislative bill that would have allowed local government to acquire private property from landowners. Council was targeting property in Four Corners area to acquire for sewerage runoff upgrades. (1:50)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 23, 2011
Story promoting upcoming parish 200th Anniversary celebrations. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 23, 2011
Story on State Senator Butch Gautreaux's speech on Senate floor criticizing Governor Bobby Jindal and his activities since election. The current legislative session will be Gautreaux's last in office. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 27, 2011
Story promoting public reading of proposed city tax ordinances, to be held tomorrow night. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 27, 2011
Story promoting special meeting of Patterson City Council to hear annual audit report and make amendments to fiscal year budget. The meeting will be held June 30. (:25)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 28, 2011
Coverage of monthly St. Mary Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Local delegation of state legislature gave review of the legislative session. (2:25)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 28, 2011
Coverage of monthly Morgan City Council meeting. Council received a clean financial audit report, and repealed a 2% salary reduction for city employees. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 30, 2011
Story on traffic disruption last night on US 90 bridge. An oversized load missed its exit and was forced to stop on road before it could become lodged under Berwick overpass. (:40)

2.) Minority/Women's/Children/Elderly/Handicapped Needs

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 6, 2011
Story promoting upcoming classic and specialty car show. Proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 7, 2011
District Attorney Phil Haney announces Senior Educational Seminar scheduled for May 3 in Charenton. Reservation information is given. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 8, 2011
Story promoting Girl Scout troops who are holding a benefit drive to raise donations for earthquake relief effort in Japan. The drive will be held tomorrow in Patterson. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 8, 2011
Story promoting St. Mary Community Action Agency senior citizens dinners to be held next week in Morgan City and Franklin. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Coverage of Heroes benefit classic and specialty car show. Proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 22, 2011
Story about a Marine vet who is bike riding coast-to-coast to raise awareness for deceased veterans. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 22, 2011
Story promoting the East St. Mary Junior Auxiliary's program to help female high school students obtain prom dresses. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 6, 2011
Story promoting a carwash to raise money for American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The carwash takes place tomorrow in Bayou Vista. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 16, 2011
Story announcing that Relay for Life event has been postponed until later this summer, due to the potential for flooding. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, May 18, 2011
CLECO announces program to offer qualifying residents a discount on fuel charges. St. Mary Community Action Agency will oversee the program. (1:05)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 20, 2011
Coverage of Morgan City Housing Authority meeting. Mayor of Morgan City met with residents to discuss flood protection of MCHA properties. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 20, 2011
Story on local churches efforts to provide meals for the needy. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 20, 2011
Story about local radio personality who has formed ministry to pray on the seawall for protection from the rising water. The group meets to pray in Morgan City or Berwick every day except Sunday. (1:20)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 23, 2011
Story promoting 9th annual Memorial Day Freedom Ride, scheduled for this Sunday. Participants will ride across the parish and leave wreathes at various memorial markers. (:55)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 24, 2011
It is announced that the Memorial Day Freedom Ride has been rescheduled for June 18 due to the flood threat. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 30, 2011
Story on summer food programs available to eligible children. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Story promoting summer enrichment program for children living in District One. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Friday, June 3, 2011
Story on the death of Morgan City native, noted civil rights activist and former Black Panther E.G. "Geronimo" Pratt, of natural causes. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Interview with representatives of Tri-City Helping Hearts Foundation, which helps needy families with funeral expenses. The group is holding its annual fundraising banquet in April. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 9, 2011
Coverage of Tangled Tales puppet show, presented this morning to children at the Bayou Vista Public Library. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Friday, June 10, 2011
Coast Guard and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will conduct a water safety event for children and adults tomorrow at Lake End Park. (:15)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 16, 2011
Story promoting Freedom Ride event honoring fallen veterans. The event was postponed from its traditional Memorial Day weekend date due to the high water threat. (2:25)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 16, 2011
Story about a youth mission group from Texas who came to St. Mary Parish to perform community service work and evangelize. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 16, 2011
Story promoting memorial service for deceased Morgan City native and former Black Panther "Geronimo" Pratt. The service will be held this Saturday. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Friday, June 17, 2011
Coverage of local "fan drive". Electric fans were given to low income residents. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Friday, June 17, 2011
St. Mary Community Action Agency announces it is participating "Day of Amnesty," asking estranged fathers to re-connect with their children. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 27, 2011
Story about a family which lost its home to a fire last week. A benefit account has been established at MC Bank. (1:45)

3.) Economic Concerns

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 4, 2011
Coverage of 21st annual Cypress Sawmill Festival in Patterson. (1:05)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 5, 2011
Report on local gas prices. The average price for gas has increased 10 cents a gallon over the last two weeks (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 6, 2011
Acadian Resource Conservation and Development Council announces assistance for qualifying businesses seeking energy audits and federal incentives. Contact information is given. (:55)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Coverage of Congressman Jeff Landry's visit to Cameron SubSea Systems in Berwick. The facility produces blow out prevention systems and is working to meet new federal safety requirements in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon explosion last April. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 18, 2011
St. Mary Parish Levee District announces that its project to build a floodgate and improve flood protection at the Franklin Canal will be delayed two months due to delays in completing the environmental impact study. The scheduled start of the project was August 15th. (:50)

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 18, 2011
Coverage of this weekend's 8th annual Black Bear and Birding Festival in Franklin. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Report on local gas prices. The average price for gas locally is up 14 cents a gallon since the beginning of the month. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Interview with Allen Kelly, new Executive Director of the St. Mary Parish Levee District. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Congressman Jeff Landry announces introduction of legislation aimed at improving safety for offshore oil workers. (1:05)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Story on local unemployment report. St. Mary Parish gained 100 jobs in month of March, and remains at 10.5% unemployment.

<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Friday, April 22, 2011</u>
Story about a film producer who is preparing a documentary about the first <i>Tarzan</i> movie, which was filmed around Morgan City in 1917. (1:15)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Tuesday, May 3, 2011</u>
Report on local gas prices. The price has increased 13 cents a gallon in the last two weeks. (:45)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Tuesday, May 10, 2011</u>
Comments from local Coast Guard commander, who announced benchmarks for closing area waterways to commercial traffic. (1:25)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Thursday, May 19, 2011</u>
Report on local gas prices. The price has dropped 5 cents a gallon since May 3 rd . (:45)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Thursday, May 26, 2011</u>
Local unemployment report. Unemployment dropped a full percentage point for the month of April. (:50)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Thursday, May 26, 2011</u>
Story announcing La. Hurricane Sales Tax Holiday this coming weekend. No sales taxes will be applied to the sale of listed emergency supplies. (:45)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Friday, May 27, 2011</u>
Story on Swiftships, Inc., which is working around high water that has covered their property. (1:50)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Monday, May 30, 2011</u>
Story on government assistance programs available to local businesses affected by high water. (:55)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Wednesday, June 1, 2011</u>
Report on local gas prices. Prices have decreased 11 cents a gallon over the last two weeks. (1:10)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Tuesday, June 7, 2011</u>
Report on local gas prices. Local gas prices dropped another penny in the last week. (1:00)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	-	<u>Tuesday, June 14, 2011</u>
Story on surveying of lower Atchafalaya River by Corps of Engineers. Corps is determining which areas need emergency dredging due to additional silt deposited by high water. Corps also announces it will experiment with a new technique that may keep "fluff" suspended in water, rather than accumulating on the riverbed. (2:10)		

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Interview with outgoing Miss Louisiana Kelsi Crain. Crain has used state tourism as her platform in the wake of the BP oil spill. (1:05)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 15, 2011
Story on installation of 2 offshore rig living quarters at Young Memorial for training purposes. Acquisition of units will allow school to approach its goal of being able to offer training in every aspect of offshore oil industry work. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 20, 2011
Follow-up story on the effects of flooding at Swiftships. The company, located on the Atchafalaya River, saw its flood protection break and had several feet of water in its facilities for nearly a month. (2:00)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Report on local gas prices. Local gas prices dropped 7 cents over the last 2 weeks. (1:05)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Story updating progress of US Army Corps of Engineers' funding bill in Congress. Funding will include money that will benefit Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District. (:50)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Story on success of Farmers' Market in Franklin. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Friday, June 24, 2011
Local unemployment report. Unemployment increased to 10.2% for the month of May. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 27, 2011
Story on expansion of Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District boundaries by the state legislature. (:55)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 28, 2011
Report on local gas prices. Local gas prices dropped 9 cents over the last week. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 28, 2011
Story promoting Chamber of Commerce "Leadership St. Mary" program. Participants will be trained to step into leadership roles in various aspects of community service. (1:10)

4.) Health/Environmental Concerns

- Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Story promoting Teche Regional Medical Center's annual Health Fair and Fun Day. Event takes place this Saturday in Bayou Vista. (:30)
- Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Story promoting U.S. House Natural Resources Committee hearing to be held in Houma next Monday. Offshore emergency response equipment and the continuing Gulf Coast recovery from the Macondo oil spill will be discussed. (1:00)
- Newsday 39 - Friday, April 15, 2011
Story promoting Teche Regional Medical Center's upcoming Health Fair and Fun Day, to be held on the 16th at the Bayou Vista Civic Center. (1:00)
- Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Story on upcoming HBO documentary on the rescue of brown pelicans affected by last year's Macondo oil spill in the Gulf. The program "Saving Pelican 485" will debut tomorrow, the first anniversary of the explosion that led to the spill. (:40)
- Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 27, 2011
Coverage of ribbon cutting for Teche Regional Medical Center's new Catheterization Lab. (:45)
- Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 28, 2011
Story promoting United Blood Services blood drive, to be held in Patterson Sunday. (:30)
- Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 28, 2011
Story promoting State Police and DEA program to locate and dispose of expired prescription drugs in the home. The drive begins Saturday. (1:00)
- Newsday 39 - Monday, May 2, 2011
Notification of public meeting to be held tomorrow morning to discuss possible high water impact. (:35)
- Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 3, 2011
Coverage of public meeting on high water impact. Property owners on river side of seawall were advised to prepare for gate closures. (2:00)
- Newsday 39 - Wednesday, May 4, 2011
Town of Berwick announces timeline for expected closure of seawall gates. City of Morgan City also announces revisions to it gate closure schedule, accelerating the process. It is also announced that the Corps of Engineers is considering use of the Morganza Spillway. Websites where viewers can monitor water levels on the Atchafalaya River are given. (2:10)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 5, 2011
Coverage of public meeting held in Amelia this morning to discuss plans for protecting the area from backwater flooding. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 6, 2011
Coverage of meeting between officials of bayou region parishes with Col. Fleming of the US Army Corps of Engineers. Fleming said a decision on use of the Morganza Spillway could come in the next two days. He also announced opening of the Bonne Carre Spillway begins Monday. Fleming also updated officials on equipment and procedures the Corps is preparing for temporary flood protection. The possibility of sinking a barge in Bayou Chene, which was done as a flood deterrent in 1973, is discussed. (5:05)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 9, 2011
Story on US Corps of Engineers' approval of plan to sink a barge in Bayou Chene. Its believed the action will prevent some of the backwater flooding of St. Mary, Lower St. Martin, and Assumption Parishes. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 10, 2011
St. Mary Levee District director Allen Kelly gives update on plans to sink a barge in Bayou Chene for backwater flood protection. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Story on police plans to protect levees from trespassers. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Story outlining plans for local health care facilities to deal with potential flooding. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 12, 2011
Update on efforts to sink a barge in Bayou Chene for backwater flood protection. Crews began moving the barge to the work site today.

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 13, 2011
Story from site where barge will be sunk for backwater flood protection. (1:50)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 16, 2011
Update on the Bayou Chene flood protection project. Its anticipated that work will be completed tomorrow. (:55)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Announcement that aerial mosquito spraying will be performed over Morgan City over the weekend. Residents are advised to stay indoors during spraying. (:30)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, May 18, 2011
Story on plans for a new interpretive center planned for the Franklin area that will rely on Green construction and operating techniques. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 19, 2011
National Weather Service has changed the predicted crest date for the Atchafalaya River at Morgan City, pushing it back from May 25 to May 28. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 19, 2011
Statement from Teche Regional Medical Center, saying hospital is prepared to remain open though flood crisis, and will only close in the event of a direct evacuation order. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 19, 2011
City officials say drought conditions led to 7 water line breaks over the previous weekend. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, May 25, 2011
The Town of Berwick has issued a warning that high water is pushing black bears out of their normal habitats into populated areas. (:50)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 26, 2011
St. Mary Parish Council approves funding for infrastructure for interpretive center in Franklin which will incorporate Green construction and operating techniques. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 27, 2011
Story following Morgan City Police officers on one of their twice-daily inspections of the area's levees. Officers are making sure people are staying off levees, and that wildlife is not crossing into inhabited areas. (2:00)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 30, 2011
Flooding update. Atchafalaya River is now at 10.30 feet at Morgan City, significantly lower than was originally forecast. River crest is expected tomorrow. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Flooding update. Atchafalaya River is now at 10.30 feet at Morgan City, and is expected to begin decreasing from this point. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Assumption Parish Police Jury announces that no-wake zones instituted in Pierre Part and Lake Verrett due to high water have been lifted. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 1, 2011
National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration announces its prediction for an "above normal" hurricane season. Hurricane preparation tips from the state Insurance Commissioner are offered. (2:00)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 2, 2011
St. Martin Parish President announces that no-wake zones established in Stephensville-Belle River due to the high water crisis will be lifted tomorrow. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 2, 2011
The City of Morgan City issues temporary restrictions on the use of water. City Hall says water pressure is low due to numerous breaks in distribution system, caused by ongoing drought conditions. (1:20)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 2, 2011
Story explaining meteorological terms that viewers may hear if the need for storm coverage arises. (1:50)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 2, 2011
Colorado State University hurricane forecast team says its stands by its prediction of an "above average" hurricane season this summer. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 7, 2011
Story promoting "free fishing weekend." This weekend, residents will be allowed to fish without a DWF license. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 7, 2011
City of Morgan City announces that Morgan City has again been designated a Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation. (:30)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 8, 2011
Patterson police say with the dry conditions, roadside fires being set by people throwing cigarette butts out of car windows are becoming a problem. (1:40)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 9, 2011
American Heart Association announces its "That Takes the Cake" fundraiser has been re-scheduled for July 29th. Event was postponed due to the threat of high water. (:30)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 22, 2011
Coverage of USACE Col. Ed Flemming's press conference. Flemming discussed successes and failures of flood protection measures. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Friday, June 24, 2011
Follow up coverage of Col. Ed Flemming's press conference. (:50)

5.) Crime Problems

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 4, 2011
Weekend police reports. Morgan City police arrested a suspected drug dealer. (2:00)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 5, 2011
Overnight police report. A Belle Rose man is charged with carnal knowledge of a juvenile. A suspected drug dealer is arrested in Bayou Vista. (2:00)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 8, 2011
Overnight police report. St. Mary Narcotics Task Force announces six arrests stemming from four-month undercover operation. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 11, 2011
Weekend police report. Local fire departments extinguish fires at one residence and two businesses. Assumption Sheriff's deputies shut down a suspected meth lab in Napoleonville. Several DWI arrests are made throughout area. (4:10)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Overnight police report. Morgan City police arrest a suspected drug dealer. A Morgan City woman is arrested on a warrant for authorities in Georgia. (1:40)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Overnight police report. Travis Miller of Morgan City is sentenced to 25 years on armed robbery conviction. (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 15, 2011
Overnight police report. A Plattenville man confessed to the armed robbery of a local convenience store. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 18, 2011
Weekend arrest report. Ashley Derouen of Patterson was convicted of cruelty to a juvenile and sentenced to 10 years in prison. Sheriff's deputies arrested a Baldwin man accused of stealing a handgun. (1:35)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Overnight police report. Assumption authorities are investigating the apparent drowning of a 2-year old boy. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 21, 2011
Overnight police report. Franklin police are investigating the shooting death of a 19-year old man. In a separate incident, Morgan City police arrest three men involved in a fight in which gunshots were fired. (1:10)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 22, 2011
Overnight police report. Chris Evans of Berwick was sentenced to 15 years on a racketeering conviction. (1:05)

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 25, 2011
Overnight police report. Assumption authorities making a routine traffic stop discovered crystal meth and illegal guns in the vehicle.

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Overnight police report. An 11-year old Morgan City girl was killed in a car crash in Assumption Parish. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 27, 2011
Overnight police report. Assumption Sheriff's Dept. arrested a third person suspected to be involved in an armed robbery in Plattenville last month. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 28, 2011
Report on Highway 90 mishap east of Amelia. Roadway was closed after a cement truck blew a tire and overturned, spilling its cargo onto the highway. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 28, 2011
Overnight police report. A Berwick man is charged with forcible rape and aggravated incest. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 2, 2011
Coverage of two fatal crashes occurring in St. Mary Parish over the weekend. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 3, 2011
Overnight police report. A Houma teenager is arrested on an attempted armed robbery charge. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, May 4, 2011
Overnight police report. A Patterson woman is charged with child desertion. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 9, 2011
Overnight police report. A fatal crash in Bayou L'Ourse is under investigation. (:50)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 12, 2011
Overnight police report. A Berwick man is arrested on a child molestation charge. An illegal drug operation is broken up in Amelia. (1:35)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Overnight police report. Two people were killed and a third wounded in a shootout in a Pierre Part restaurant. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 23, 2011
Overnight police report. Franklin authorities made a domestic abuse battery arrest. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, May 26, 2011
Former Assumption Parish Sheriff's Deputy Louis Lambert pleads guilty to 438 counts of drug and malfeasance charges. Sentencing is scheduled for July. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 27, 2011
Overnight police report. A St. Martinville man is charged with theft and burglaries which occurred in Franklin. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 27, 2011
Awareness story on Louisiana State Police's Click It or Ticket campaign to promote more use of seatbelts. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Story on local police department's active shooter training. Officers are training to deal with armed perpetrators infiltrating a school or public building. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Alonzo Edmond of Charenton is sentenced to 25 years in a May 2009 shooting death. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 6, 2011
Overnight police report. A Jeanerette man was killed in an ATV crash over the weekend. (:50)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 7, 2011
Overnight police report. A Patterson woman was arrested for a domestic dispute involving a stabbing. (:25)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 7, 2011
St. Mary Parish announces updates to its "first call" emergency notification system. Due to the high volume of residents dropping landline phones and using cell phones only, the system has been upgraded to send out text as well as voice messages. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 8, 2011
Overnight police report. A Morgan City teenage girl is charged with inciting a felony after threatening to kill a man in Assumption Parish. (1:20)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 9, 2011
Overnight police report. Three people are arrested for allegedly operating a meth lab in Bayou L'ourse. (:50)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 16, 2011
Ismael Viera pleads guilty to second degree murder of Morgan City orthodontist Robert Chastant last year. Viera faces mandatory life sentence. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Friday, June 17, 2011
Coverage of St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Department Corrections Academy graduation. The department graduated six new officers who are now qualified to work in parish prison. (:25)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 20, 2011
Overnight police report. Franklin police charged an Illinois man with sexual battery. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Overnight police report. Narcotics agents arrested a suspected drug dealer in Morgan City. (:40)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, June 22, 2011
Overnight police report. Narcotics agents uncovered illegal drugs and weapons at a house in Bayou Vista. Three Patterson residents were arrested in an unrelated drug investigation. (1:30)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 23, 2011
Overnight police report. A Franklin man is charged with felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile. (:30)

Newsday 39 - Monday, June 27, 2011
Weekend police report. Sheriff's officers detained an incoherent man who was walking along Highway 90 near Four Corners with a gun. Assumption Parish deputies arrested three juveniles accused of committing acts of vandalism at Pierre Part Primary and Middle Schools (1:50)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, June 28, 2011
Overnight police report. A Berwick man is arrested in connection with a felony hit and run in Morgan City. (1:25)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 30, 2011
Overnight police report. An undercover operation resulted in 3 arrests on drug charges in Bayou Vista. (:45)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, June 30, 2011
Story announcing a DWI Checkpoint to be conducted by State Police somewhere in St. Mary Parish tomorrow night. (:55)

6.) Education Needs

Newsday 39 - Monday, April 4, 2011
coverage of Pierre Part Elementary's weekend picnic in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the school's French Immersion program. (:30)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 5, 2011
Follow up story on Morgan City's efforts to identify and attract new restaurants and businesses to the city. (1:50)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 7, 2011
Story reminding parents of availability of study resources available to help prepare students for upcoming high stakes state tests. (1:40)

Newsday 39 - Thursday, April 7, 2011
Story on Pennies for Preschoolers, a pilot program for local Head Start schools. Participating children open savings accounts in local banks, and sponsoring businesses match their savings penny for penny. (1:00)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 15, 2011
Coverage of monthly St. Mary Parish School Board meeting. The board renewed its employee health insurance policy with Blue Cross/Blue Shield with no change in premiums, but a \$500 increase in deductibles. Board also authorized the sale of Thomas Gibbs Elementary School as surplus property to Fire Protection Dist. 11. (1:45)

Newsday 39 - Friday, April 15, 2011
Story recognizing Young Memorial Vo-Tech student Amanda Hebert of Pierre Part. Hebert was named to the All-Louisiana Academic team for technical college students. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Story on local participation in Attorney General's mentoring program. Participating high school juniors and seniors mentor incoming freshman. The goal is to reduce dropouts (1:15)

Newsday 39 - Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Story promoting this weekend's "Teen Summit", sponsored by several non-profit social organizations. Event is Saturday in St. Joseph's south of Franklin. (:25)

Newsday 39 - Monday, May 2, 2011
Story on Shannon Elementary School's National Library Week celebration. Students held a parade dressed as their favorite characters from literature. (:35)

Newsday 39 - Friday, May 13, 2011
St. Martin school officials announce Stephenville Elementary will close for school year on Tuesday, May 17, in response to flood threat. (:35)

<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Wednesday, May 18, 2011</u>
Story promoting Red Ribbon Committee's annual Fall Arts and Craft Show. Booth reservations are being taken; contact information is given. (:45)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Tuesday, May 24, 2011</u>
Story about 29 St. Mary Parish Students who participated in the Nicholls Reading Council's Young Authors contest. 13 of the participants qualified to compete at the state level. (:45)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Wednesday, May 25, 2011</u>
Annual parish performance scores for LEAP testing are released. 4 th graders exceeded state averages. High school students out-performed the state in Math and Science. (1:00)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Wednesday, May 25, 2011</u>
Story on MCHS history class which posted an "I-report" response to a CNN story which contained erroneous information about the effects of high water on Morgan City. (1:20)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Monday, May 30, 2011</u>
Story on St. Mary Parish Library System summer reading program. (:40)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Friday, June 10, 2011</u>
Coverage of monthly St. Mary Parish School Board meeting. Board made changes to student cell phone policy. In 2011-12 school year, students will be allowed to leave mobile devices in their lockers or vehicles. (1:10)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Monday, June 13, 2011</u>
Story promoting Zoo Zoom mobile zoological exhibit, which will appear in public libraries throughout the parish June 15-17. (:40)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Friday, June 17, 2011</u>
Story promoting Rhythms-n-Soul dance group's performances in St. Mary Parish Public libraries. They will perform June 22-23. (:40)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Friday, June 24, 2011</u>
Coverage of St. Mary Chamber of Commerce annual Dinner and Education Appreciation Night. (1:15)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Monday, June 27, 2011</u>
Tucker Doiron, graduate of Morgan City High, is awarded MC Bank Hometown Spirit Scholarship. (:35)		
<u>Newsday 39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Monday, June 27, 2011</u>
Elizabeth Gauthier, graduate of Central Catholic High, is awarded MC Bank Hometown Spirit Scholarship. (:35)		